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BOGOTA FOR UNDER SECRETARY

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E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP (NEWSOM, DAVID)  
SUBJECT: NEWSOM VISIT TO ARGENTINA

1) I SAW GENERAL VIOLA TWICE TODAY. BOTH OF THESE TIMES, I OBJECTED STRONGLY TO AJA ESPIL'S AIRING OF HIS DIRTY LINEN PUBLICALLY AND FOR MIS-STATING THE FACTS OF THE NEWSOM MISSION. BOTH TIMES VIOLA SAID HE AND THE PRESIDENT WERE UNHAPPY WITH THE FACT THAT AJA ESPIL HAD GONE PUBLIC IN WASHINGTON. VIOLA SAID THAT THE GOA HAD NEVER CONSULTED WITH AJA ESPIL ON THE NEWSOM MISSION AND THAT THEY FELT AJA ESPIL'S INFORMATION HAD COME FROM A WASHINGTON SOURCE.

2) VIOLA INDICATED THAT HE FELT THAT AJA ESPIL HAD ERRED BECAUSE HE WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE REAL OBJECTIVES OF THE NEWSOM MISSION. AS AN INDICATION OF THE GOA'S DESIRES TO GIVE FULL WEIGHT TO THE NEWSOM VISIT, HE HAS ARRANGED MEETINGS FOR THE UNDER SECRETARY WITH THE PRESIDENT, INTERIOR MINISTER HARGUINDEGUY, AND THE ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER. HE SAID VIDELA WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO NEWSOM "ALL AFTERNOON" IF NECESSARY.

3) THE GROUND RULES AS SPELLED OUT IN STATE 120048 HOLD AND THERE ARE NO CHANGES IN THE ORIGINAL OBJECTIVES. RONDON HAS BRIEFED ME ON HOW UNDER SECRETARY PLANS TO PROCEED AND I FULLY AGREE.

4) I FULLY AGREE THAT YOU SHOULD ADD TO OUR DRAFT STATEMENT THAT YOU ARE COMING TO ARGENTINA AS A MANIFESTATION OF OUR DESIRE FOR SATISFACTORY RELATIONS WITH ARGENTINA AND TO CONTINUE PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS ON THE SUBJECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS STARTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE, AS WELL AS BY ASSISTANT SECRETARIES TODMAN AND DERIAN AND GENERAL MCAULIFFE. TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ARE ALSO IN BUENOS AIRES TO ASSIST AS NECESSARY IN THE COURSE OF MY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOA.

5) GENERAL VIOLA CONTINUES ENTHUSED ABOUT UNDER SECRETARY MISSION. PRESIDENT IS LIKEWISE AND WILLING TO DEVOTE WHATEVER TIME AND EFFORT NEEDED. VIOLA' ONLY CONCERN IS THAT FON OFF (NAVY) IS ATTEMPTING TO GET INTO ACT FULL TIME. BOTH VIOLA AND PRESIDENT SUPPOSEDLY PREFER THAT FONOFF VISIT BE COSMETIC AND SUBSTANCE BE LEFT TO PRESIDENT AND HIS ASSISTANTS, GENERAL VILLAREAL, AND COL. MALLEA GIL. AS CAN BE SEEN PRESIDENT (ARMY) AND FONOFF (NAVY) AREN'T ALWAYS ON SAME CHANNEL AND APPEAR TO BE AT ODDS ON THIS ONE.  
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ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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